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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF FRG AMBASSADOR FROM ETHIOPIA

1. PICKING UP ON NEWS STORIES RE EXPULSION OF FRG AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA, DAILY NATION WHICH GENERALLY REFLECTS GOVERNMENT LINE, JANUARY 23 EDITORIALIZED ON FRG "BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA."

2. EDITORIAL LINKED "UNCONDITIONAL" FRG GRANT TO SOMALIA WITH LATTERS FACILITATING COMMANDO RESCUE OPERATION IN MOGADISCIO, COMMENTING THAT SUCH AID "IS LIKE PUTTING A LOADED GUN IN THE HANDS OF A POWER HUNGRY CRAZED PERSON." EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, "WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS ERRED IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO EITHER WITHDRAW ITS LOAN OR IMPOSE RIGID CONDITONS ON ITS USE."

3. EDITORIAL NOTEWORTHY IN THAT IT CRITICIZES FRG WITH WHICH GOK HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS AND FROM WHICH IT RECEIVES SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT AID. EDITORIAL AGAIN DEMONSTRATES THAT GOK MAY BE EXPECTED TO REACT NEGA-
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TIVELY NO MATTER WHO INVOLVED, WHEN THERE QUESTION OF INCREASING SOMALI MILITARY POTENTIAL.

4. ON OTHER HAND, EMBOFF RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARLES NJONJO, IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH WESTERN AMBASSADOR, EXPRESSED KENYAN CONCERN OVER EXPULSION OF FRG AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS, SAYING TI WAS HOSTILE ACT

AGAINST THE FRG AND THAT GOK WOULD CALL IN ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADOR TO QUERY HIM ON MATTER. NJONJO ADDED GOK
WOULD WARN ETHIOPIANS TO BE WARY OF SOVIETS AS THEY ARE
NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

5. COMMENT: EDITORIAL REITERATES STANDARD KENYAN
POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA AS ALLY IN STRUGGLE
AGAINST SOMALI IRRENDENTISM. NJONJO COMMENT, ON OTHER
HAND, INDICATES AWARENESS BY INFLUENTIAL KENYAN OFFICIAL
THAT FUTURE OF ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN RELATIONS HAS BEEN PUT
SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT BY NATURE OF REGIME IN ADDIS.

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